

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the office action mailed August 20, 2004. Claim 1 is amended and new claims 20-38 are added. Claims 1 and 20-38 are pending.

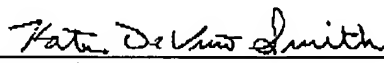
Support for the claim amendments may be found in the claims as originally filed, at page 6, lines 27-29, at page 11, lines 19-23, and elsewhere in the figures and specification. No new matter is added.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claim 1 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,726,054. In view of the amendments made to claim 1, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection. Applicants respectfully request the opportunity to submit a terminal disclaimer if a rejection is made under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if such contact would be helpful in any way. A Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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